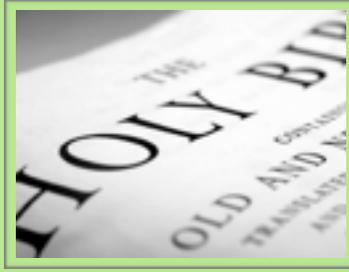


# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newsletter



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## *From The Pastor:*

A week from Sunday is Easter, the greatest day in the year. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection from the grave of Jesus. By resurrection, we do not mean that he spiritually came back alive or that he was resuscitated, but that his actual physical body was raised from the dead to new life. And because Christ is risen from the dead, we have new life as well. Thus, no day in the year is as worthy of celebration as Easter is.

This year, we are going to try something a little bit different. Instead of having a sunrise service with breakfast immediately following and then a gap of time before the Easter Cantata service, we are going to encourage everyone to come at 9:45 for the flowering of the cross. Bring fresh cut flowers from your garden (or purchased) and we will have a brief word, sing some hymns, and decorate the cross with flowers, as a symbol of the new life that has come from the death of Christ. After the flowering of the cross, we will all make our way to the Fellowship Hall for a light continental brunch and fellowship time with each other before the worship service. This will be a time to enjoy some good food and conversation with one another. Then, at 11:00, we will all worship together in the sanctuary with an Easter Cantata service. Our hope is that this would be a time for the whole church family to be together for the flowering, brunch, and worship service and to be able as a church body to celebrate as one. So the schedule will be:

9:45 Flowering of the Cross  
10:00 Fellowship Brunch  
11:00 Easter Cantata Service

Please make every effort to join as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form, which can be found outside each entrance to the sanctuary, and place in the envelope provided along with your payment by this Sunday, April 13. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

## EASTER DENOMINATIONAL OFFERING

Each year an offering is taken up at Easter for our denominational ministries. You will find an informational brochure and an envelope in your bulletin Easter morning. If you would like to give to this offering, simply place the envelope with your gift in the offering plate. We will keep this open until May 20.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will have a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 17 at 5:30.

## LIMON MISSIONS TRIP

Ed and Lynn Limon (and Kelly) have been invited back to teach at 2 music camps this summer in Mexico. As many of you know, they have been doing this since 1990. They plan to leave on Saturday, July 12 and return Sunday, August 3. They need both financial and prayer support. If you can help financially, please send in your tax-free donation to Mission To The World at:

**MTW Project Payments**  
**PO Box 116284**  
**Atlanta, GA 30368-6284**

In the memo line, please note: **Support Acct #: 14336.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ed or Lynn. They ask you to pray for their preparations as well as their health, safety, and ability to reach many during these camps.

## MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Ali Mitchell one of our missionaries will be speaking about his work with Muslim students in South Carolina. Ali will be sharing during Sunday School and will bring the message at the morning worship service. There will be a potluck lunch following the service as well, where he will share more about his ministry.

## PASTOR'S VACATION

The pastor will be on vacation April 21-27. If you have a need during this time, please contact any of the elders or deacons. On Sunday, April 27, Dr. Bob Cara, professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, will be preaching.

## INTERVARSITY

### INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP/USA

Last training of the year will be Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Elon. We will need dessert and drinks and would love for people to attend the event with students. Bryan will be answering tough questions. Please let Christy Gregory know if you can help in any way. Thank you for your help support this semester!

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## MISSION MOMENTS

Ali Mitchell is our ARP missionary whose responsibility since 2001 is equipping members of our churches to work with Muslims in the USA & Canada. Based in South Carolina, he also travels extensively to accomplish this challenge. Our own Baird family--Katherine, Hannah and Carolyn--served as part of a team ministering in the Detroit area several years ago. Grandpa Bobby supported them from home with his constant prayers! Recently Ali had the opportunity to spend ten days in Turkey. While there he had fruitful contacts with Muslims as well as being able to encourage three of our ARP missionary families based there. Look for updates of this ministry on the Mission info board in the hallway.

### **G.I.R.L. Time** *(Getting Into Real Life)*

Thursday, April 17th following the Maundy Thursday service we will be going to dinner at Panera. The third Sunday is Easter, so we are having this alternate day and time. We hope you can join us for great food, friends, and a discussion of the sermon.

Sunday, May 18 will be a church-wide missions potluck, which we will enjoy with the church family.

Save the Date: July 27-28. There will be a women's gathering and concert at Bonclarken to kick off the Family Bible Conference. We would like to take a group of women. Please contact Jessie Richardson if you are interested in attending. Her new email address is: [richardson.jessica83@gmail.com](mailto:richardson.jessica83@gmail.com).

### **YOUNG AT HEART**

We had 25 in attendance at our meeting despite the unpredictable weather. A special *thank you* to those who came, to all of the kitchen and cleanup helpers, to those who brought food, and all who contributed to the Boys and Girls Club Easter baskets. You gave 25 dozen plastic eggs and 31 bags of candy. We couldn't do this without your help. We will meet again April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The menu is ham, potato salad, deviled eggs, apple pie and ice cream. If you have a dish you would like to contribute to a ham dinner, please let Margaret or Glenn know. The program will be announced later.

### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

The ladies of the church will be hosting an "old-fashioned pounding" bridal shower for John Snow and Kristin Allison on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A "pounding" is a way of blessing a couple with necessary household items to start up their home. Examples include: a bag of flour, paper products, sugar, spices, condiments, laundry detergent, etc. These items do not need to be wrapped. We would ask those who attend to bring any item for the pounding. They are registered at Target. Please join us to celebrate the couple.

### **ALAMANCE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

Alamance County Right to Life is planning to place a pro-life advertisement in the Times News for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2014. The ad will be a positive message, and will include names of churches and people who sponsored the ad. Please contact Amy Huffman at [abhuffman@gmail.com](mailto:abhuffman@gmail.com) or call her at 336-213-5085 if you would like to contribute to the ad's sponsorship. For a \$5 donation your name or your family's name will be included in the pro-life ad.

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Hannah Roy	4/5
James Constable	4/6
Jim Knox	4/6
Patricia Pack	4/6
Geneva Evans	4/8
Glenn Owens	4/8
Steve Kyaw	4/9
Jessica Sneed	4/10
Gene Parks	4/14
Bill Roy	4/15
Hope Gregory	4/19
Randall Cobb	4/21
Russ Payne	4/21
Noah Gregory	4/25
Jean McKinnon	4/25
Debbie Childrey	4/27
Bill Huffman	4/30

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Seth & Laura Nicholson (8) 4/15

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

July 27-28, 2014 - Bonclarken. Visit the website below for more information about registration.

<http://arpwm.org/womens-ministries-annual-meeting-turns-100/>

### **THANK YOU!**

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for your love and concern, your many cards and calls, and for your graciousness in providing meals for Jim and me following my recent knee surgery. Your kindness and caring mean so much to us!

Gratefully, Lola Knox

## MINISTRY REMINDERS

### **Nursery:**

Apr13: Nicole Newton  
Mary Jane Glass  
Apr 20: Chelle Spencer  
Stephen Robinson

### **Children's Church:**

Apr13: Kristin Carter  
Betty Bessette  
Apr 20: Easter Sunday  
No Children's Worship

### **Counter:**

Apr13: Jim Knox  
Apr 20: None Scheduled

### **Elder Greeter:**

Apr13: Gene Parks  
Apr 20: None Scheduled

### **Deacon Duty:**

Apr13: Tim Bessette  
Apr 20: Glenn Owens